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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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Whether it is kicking a ball off a wall, behaving in a noisy manner or fighting at a football match, antisocial behaviour can affect anyone at any time and is an issue that needs to be tackled head on.

Northumbria Police officers can't do this on their own. They work closely with partners such as local authorities and I am once again delighted to support the work of Newcastle and Sunderland Football Club through their Building Bridges programme. I wrote about this scheme last year and am proud to focus on it again as it has made a real difference.

Young people from all walks of life have come together through football to gain a better understanding on how anti-social behaviour can affect their neighbours and family. The programme includes family participation and the feedback from the young people who have taken part and their schools is second to none.

I am confident that the aims and vision of this work will have a lasting impact for many years to come.